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LIST OF ACRONYMS

BWM	Convention BALLAST Water Management Convention
CAMP	The Coastal Area Management Programme
CBD	The Convention on Biological Diversity
CITES	The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
COP	Conferences of the Parties
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DoE	Department of the Environment
DPMT	The Maritime-Terrestrial Public Domain
EA	Ecosystem Approach
EBM	Ecosystem Based Management
EEA	European Environment Agency
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
GES	Good Environmental Status
IAEA	the International Atomic Energy Agency
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
ICM	Integrated Coastal Management
ICZM	Integrated Coastal Zone Management
IMCO	Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization
IMO	The International Maritime Organization
ISA	the International Seabed Authority
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
IWMI	International Water Management Institute
MARPOL	Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MCZ	Marine Conservation Zone
MMO	The Marine Management Organization
MoU	Memoranda of Understanding
MSFD	Marine Strategy Framework Directive
MSP	Maritime Spatial Planning
NASCO	The North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization
NEAFC	The North-East Atlantic Fisheries commission
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NOAA	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Commission
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development
OSPAR	The Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Convention North-East Atlantic

LIST OF ACRONYMS

PPPs	Plans, Programmes and Policies
SD	Sustainable Development
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
UCH	Underwater Cultural Heritage
UNCLOS	The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNECE	The UN Economic Commission for Europe
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNEP	UN Environmental Programme
UNFCCC	UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
USNOC	United States National Ocean Council
UNSCEB	United Nations System: Chief Executives Board for Coordination
USNOC	United States National Ocean Council
WWT	Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust

SUMMARY

Increasing number of anthropogenic activities in the Atlantic Ocean needs to be tackled with coordinated and sustained actions to collectively improve the ocean health. In course of time, measures have aimed to protect the marine environment but maritime affairs have been dealt with by separate sectoral policies without fully integrating all relevant sectors. The objectives of the present study was to analyse and summarize the existing conditions of legislation giving protection to the marine environment of each north Atlantic country to fill the knowledge gap on existing and potential maritime uses; reduce the conflicts on uses-uses, uses-environment, existing-potential sustainable development scenarios and finally propose a strategic framework proposal for Maritime Spatial Planning. Baseline or existing conditions of each north Atlantic country was summarized through a “Horrendogram” (Boyes and Elliott, 2014). These horrendograms have showed the complexity across vertical governance emanating from UN, international, regional, national and other bodies. Later a set of indicators for SEA framework have developed and validated by expert consultation. Finally a set questionnaire has developed and currently questionnaire survey is under process. Based on the answer of the questionnaire, literature review, and considering the SEA Directive, EIA Directive, and MSP Directive, a proposal for a strategic framework for MSP will be proposed.

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